

House Study Bill 243 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT BILL
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the testing requirements for sign language
2 interpreters and transliterators.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 154E.3, Code 2011, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. *Examinations.* An applicant may chose
4 examination in American sign language, signed exact English,
5 or another communication system approved by the board. The
6 examination for signed exact English shall not include any
7 portions relating to American sign language and applicants who
8 chose examination in signed exact English shall not be required
9 to demonstrate proficiency in American sign language.

10	EXPLANATION
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11 The board of sign language interpreters and transliterators
12 is empowered to prescribe an examination which an applicant for
13 licensure must complete. The board offers examinations in both
14 American sign language and signed exact English.

15 This bill provides that the examination for signed exact
16 English shall not contain testing requirements for American
17 sign language.